

In the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 7, and add the following replacement paragraph.

When the distal end of a conventional endoscope is bent acutely in order to access the bile duct, the kinetic friction on internally moveable parts increases. Using conventional injection therapy devices within a scope, surgeons experience difficulty in extending needles prior to injecting the chemical agent. Even if a surgeon can successfully extend the needle, there is an equal difficulty in retracting the needle after injection of the chemical agent. In a severe case, the surgeon may be forced to withdraw the endoscope with the needle still partially extended out of the endoscope. This undesirable condition can cause injury to the patient.